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To whom it may concern,

After considerable taxpayer expense, Microsoft is found to have violated anti-trust laws to the detriment of the consumer, and to the detriment of the law abiding companies with which Microsoft competes.

In any settlement one would think there would be:

- * restitution to the damaged party
- * fines which are cumensurate with a society and government that punishes a law breaker and seeks preventative, punative fines to show other companies that breaking the law will cost you not just pennies on the dollar (as in the case of this judgement relative to Microsoft's profits)
- * action or oversight to prevent recurrence, within a company culture and leadership that allowed gross illegal actions to take place indeed, they sought agressively the means and tools which were foresable to be breaking the law.

To give computers and software to schools is a noble, but too easy and inequitable settlement.

This settlement, agreed to by both the US Government is a joke, and apparently convienient for both.

What happened to the consumer??

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